

## **BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes**

February 19, 2009

Present: Sandy Sulsky, David Kaufman, Ellen Leahy-Pile, Nancy Gilbert, David Ahlfeld  
Staff: Epi Bodhi, Ellen Bokina, Pamela Field-Sadler  
Other: Attorney D.J. Wilson – Tobacco Control Director/MMA

**Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.**

### **I. Review & Receive**

#### **A. Meeting Minutes**

1. Modifications were suggested for the draft minutes of January 15, 2009  
Unanimously accepted with suggested modifications

### **II. Old Business**

#### **A. Tobacco Regulations**

**Present:** Attorney D.J. Wilson – Tobacco Control Director/MMA in attendance.

The BOH reviewed and discussed draft documents of proposed changes to the current Tobacco Control Regulations. Attorney Wilson agreed with the recommendation to divide the current regulations into separate documents. During the discussion the following was noted:

- Attorney Wilson will make requested changes to the draft Youth Access Regulations and the draft Workplaces and Public Places Regulations and forward to the Health Department
- Attorney Wilson will provide the BOH sample language/definitions regarding Outdoor Spaces and Buffer Zones
- Town Counsel will need to review all proposed regulation drafts
- An updated draft of the proposed Landlord Disclosure Regulations is still in progress
- The regulation of Outdoor Spaces will need further discussion
- When the Youth Access Regulations are finalized and approved, a letter will be sent with a copy of the regulations outlining the updates to all Tobacco Permit Holders

**Motion:** Ms. Leahy-Pile made the motion, seconded by Ms. Gilbert, to approve this process for making changes to the Tobacco Regulations.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**B. Update: Outdoor Wood Boiler**

Currently a compiled list of the location of Outside Wood Boilers in Amherst does not exist. Ruth Hazzard of the Agricultural Commission is working with Extension Services to educate local farmers regarding Outside Wood Boilers; Ms. Bodhi will participate in these sessions.

**C. Report Back: WNV Spraying**

Ms. Sulsky provided materials and a brief report regarding West Nile Virus spraying. West Nile Virus is not common in humans. Mosquito surveillance is a good way to determine whether WNV is present in an area.

**III. Director's Report**

**A. Mullin Rule**

The Amherst Planning Board is developing an article for the 2009 Annual Town Meeting that would ask for the adoption of M.G.L. 39, S. 23D, also known as the Mullin Rule. It was agreed the Board of Health would not be included in the language of the article.

**B. Social Justice**

Ms. Bodhi updated the BOH regarding the Social Justice work. There will be a showing of *Unnatural Causes* in Northampton and Amherst. The Amherst showing will be May 12, 2009 and will be followed by a discussion regarding social justice and health disparities.

**C. Budget Hearing**

Ms. Bodhi has attended a Budget Hearing with the Finance Committee. The Town will not fund a portion of the Cambodian Outreach Worker position in FY10. Ms. Bodhi is working to secure grant funding to maintain the hours for this position.

**D. Emergency Preparedness Drill**

Ms. Bodhi participated in an Emergency Preparedness Drill. The drill's focus was appropriate emergency response to a "shooter" in the high school.

**IV. Schedule Next BOH Meeting/Agenda Closing Date**

**A.** The next BOH meeting will be April 2, 2009.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:07 p.m.**

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Epi Bodhi, Health Director  
**APPROVED: 4/2/09**

